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1. INDOCHINA

LAOS GOVT ORDERS DISARMING OF LOCAL DEFENSE FORCES,
CLOSING OF BROTHELS, END TO GAMBLING; ALL PROSTITUTES
TO BE ARRESTED AND EXPELLED IF FOREIGNERS, AND
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IF LAOTIAN GIVEN "REINDOCTRINATION TO BE GOOD
CITIZENS." JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS OPIUM CULTIVATION BE LEGALIZED
AGAIN (WP; UPI, NYT) -- MOVE SEEN EVIDENCE OF

GOVT EFFORT TO PLACATE HILL TRIBESMEN (WP).

US OFFICIALS IN VIENTIANE LOOK INTO CASE OF ROSEMARY CONWAY, STILL DETAINED BY LAOS GOVT; ASK CLARIFICATION OF UNSPECIFIED "POLITICAL" CHARGES AGAINST HER (UPI, NYT). BUT LAO FORMIN OFFICIALS SAY THEY KNOW NOTHING OF US INQUIRY ABOUT HER (AP, SUN). SPEAKING TO AP REPORTER THROUGH OPEN JAIL CELL WINDOW, CONWAY DENIES KNOWING REASON BEING HELD (WP). CONTENTS HAS BEEN LOCKED IN DOUBLE HANDCUFFS SIX DAYS, SLEEPING ON FLOOR OF WOODEN STATION IN ROOM WITH SEVERAL OTHER PRISONERS (AP, SUN).

CHITRIB'S EGLER INTERVIEWS CONWAY SISTER WHO SAYS DOS TOLD HER AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICIAL SAW CONWAY JUNE 6, AND UNDERSTOOD SHE WOULD BE RELEASED ON CONDITION SHE LEFT LAOS.

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SAY CHOLERA HAS BROKEN OUT IN SEVERAL PARTS OF CAMBODIA (AP, SUN).

RADIO PP 6/11 RADIO COMMENTARY BLAMES US, JAPAN AND FRANCE FOR COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS; SAYS CHIEF AIM OF NEW REGIME IS TO MAKE COUNTRY MODERN, POWERFUL AGRICULTURAL STATE (REUTER, BANGKOK).

SIHANOUK FRIENDS SAY HE PLANS LEAVING PEKING FOR FRANCE, PROBABLY LATE THIS MONTH; UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL EVER RETURN PRC, BUT WILL NEVER RETURN CAMBODIA -- SINCE HIS SOLE ROLE THERE, IN PEASANT REVOLUTION, WOULD BE IN RICE PADDY LIKE EVERYONE ELSE (LEWIS, NYT).

NYT'S GELB REPORTS DOD IS STILL SEEKING PRES FORD'S OK FOR 800-MILLION DOL FOREIGN MIL AID PROGRAM FOR 1976 FY, ALTHOUGH MORE THAN HALF THIS TOTAL WAS ORIGINALLY EARMARKED FOR CAMBODIA BEFORE COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER THERE. PENTAGON ACKNOWLEDGES WANTING TAKE 425-MIL DOLS UNCLASSIFIED

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PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR CAMBODIA AND SPREAD IT AROUND TO NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SK, INDONESIA.

FORMER CAMBODIAN PRES KHOY, AT PENDLETON, URGES US ALLOW ENTRY OF 40,000 CAMBODIAN REFUGEES NOW IN THAILAND (BURKE, LAT 6/8).

MCARTHUR (LAT 6/7) SAYS UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE GEN. DUONG VAN MINH SECRETLY FLOWN TO NVN FOR "CONSULTATIONS" WHICH MAY LEAD TO HIS INCLUSION IN NEW SVN COMMUNIST GOVT.

SEVENTY-THREE AMCITS REMAIN IN SVN, RANGING FROM

POW TO HIPPIE. PRG ISSUED ALL BUT 8 POWS PAPERS PERMITTING RELATIVELY FREE MOVEMENT. SOME WISH STAY, MOST DESIRE LEAVE SVN; PRG GIVES NO PERMISSION YET EITHER WAY (UPI CHITRIB, WP).

MILITARY MANAGEMENT COMM WARNS FORMER SAIGON GOVT OFFICIALS STOP ANTIGOV'T ACTIVITIES AND TURN SELVES IN OR FACE SEVERE PUNISHMENT (WP).

SAIGON AUTHORITIES SAY SVN BANKS, MED SCHOOLS, TO REOPEN SOON; NO DATE ANNOUNCED (REUTER, SUN).

2. VIETNAM REFUGEES

LAT'S CHARLES POWERS (6/8) WRITES LENGTHY "CAMP PENDLETON DIARY"; INTERVIEWS SEVERAL REFUGEES, GIVES PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE THERE. NOTES ESPECIALLY SPREAD IN CHRISTIANITY, RELATIVELY LESS UNEASINESS THAN WHEN REFUGEES FIRST ARRIVED.

JONATHAN KIRSCH CITES PENDLETON'S IGNORANCE ABOUT VIET FOOD, HYGIENE NEEDS SYMBOLIC OF LARGER FAILURE UNDERSTAND ENTIRE VIET CULTURE (LAT 6/10).

LAT (6/10) SAYS REFUGEES BEING CHEATED DUE TO "FRACTIOUSNESS," "CONFUSION" IN RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM. BELIEVES DOS WRONG AGENCY TO ADMINISTER PROGRAM; SUGGESTS HEW ABLE ACHIEVE BETTER COORDINATION UNCLASSIFIED

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AMONG ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED.

NOTES SEN KENNEDY'S REFUGEES AND ESCAPEES JUDICIARY SUBCOMM REPORT ON REFUGEE PROGRAM DASCRIPTIONS IT AS "SHAMBLES" CHARACTERIZED BY "SLOPPY, LAISSEZ-FAIRE APPROACH." AGENCIES INVOLVED CLAIM MANY PROBLEMS CITED IN REPORT CORRECTED, YET FACTS PROVE OTHERWISE (GLOBE).

3. JAPAN

MIKI TOLD DIET MONDAY US FORCES IN JAPAN MAY BE ALLOWED CONDUCT MILITARY OPERATIONS IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY IN KOREA, BUT GOJ WOULD NOT PERMIT INTRODUCTION OF NUKES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (UPI, WSTAR 6/10).

SPOKESMAN TUESDAY SAID GOJ WILL RECALL AMB HITOMI, WHO REMAINED SAIGON AFTER COMMUNIST VICTORY. SEEN AS FIRST STEP TOWARD FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRG, WHICH STATED COULD NOT ACCEPT AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO FORMER REGIME

(SUN, TOKYO).

NIHON KEIZAI REPORTED TUESDAY BUSINESS-
AGRICULTURE PANEL FORMED BY MIKI TO STUDY LONG-
TERM FOOD POLICY WOULD SHORTLY RECOMMEND TO GOJ
THAT BEEF, DAIRY IMPORTS BE HELD IN MINIMUM OVER
NEXT 15 YEARS; MEAT IMPORTS BE REDUCED FROM 1973
LEVEL 512,000 TONS TO 400,000 TONS BY 1985 (UPI,
JOC).

CULLISON (JOC, TOKYO) NOTES PANEL ALSO PLANS RECOMMEND
GOJ STOCKPILE 6 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN BY 1985,
SUFFICIENT FOR TWO MONTH'S CONSUMPTION. CITES
OTHER FORECASTS JAPAN MUST SPEND AT LEAST 6.8
BILLION DOLS IN SAME PERIOD TO STOCKPILE RESERVES
OF OIL, COAL, LUMBER, BAUXITE, OTHER PRIMARY
PRODUCTS TO REDUCE OVERDEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS.

EPA TUESDAY ANNOUNCED GNP FELL .7 PERCENT FIRST
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QUARTER 1975. ALSO NOTED SIGNS OF TURNAROUND IN
APRIL, GRADUAL RECOVERY THROUGH END OF YEAR (JOC,
TOKYO).

TRADE SOURCES LONDON SAY RAW SUGAR POSTPONEMENTS
REQUESTED BY JAPAN NOW TOTAL OVER 300,000 TONS.
REFLECTS PANIC BUYING LAST YEAR, RECURED DOMESTIC
CONSUMPTION (JOC).

SONY, HITACHI ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR BIGGER, BRIGHTER
COLOR TV SETS. MATSUSHITA FORECASTS SALES RESURGENCE
IN JAPAN MARKET (WSJ).

4. KOREA

KIM IL SUNG LEAVES YUGOSLAVIA, REPORTED IN BRIEF
AFP STORY (WP). NYT CARRIES MALCOLM BROWNE PIECE
HEADLINED "TITO BACKS UN TROOP EXIT FROM KOREA."
QUOTES TITO SPEECH ON KIM'S DEPARTURE OFFERING
YUGO. SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION. REPORTS
THAT KIM SUGGESTED USE OF FORCE STILL POSSIBILITY
DESPITE SPECULATION HE HAD BEEN URGED BY PRC AND USSR
AGAINST IT. NOTES ABSENCE OF REFERENCE TO PEACEFUL
UNIFICATION IN KIM'S TOAST TO TITO, BUT MENTIONS
KIMS REMARKS THAT CLOSE SIMILARITY OR IDENTITY OF
VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT EXISTS.

5. THAILAND

RTG CABINET AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO BUY WEAPONS FROM
US MIL FORCES AS THEY WITHDRAW FROM THAI AIR BASES

(AP, SUN). CABINET ALSO AUTHORIZES EVICTION OF SVN, CAMBODIAN REFUGEES (WP). DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY CHATACHAI GOES TO PEKING EARLY NEXT MONTH TO SIGN DOCUMENTS OPENING FORMAL TIES WITH PRC (AP SUN, WP).

6. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS ENDS THREE-DAY PEKING VISIT WITH OVERNIGHT SHANGHAI STOP (WP). KAISER SAYS IT, SEVEN OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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ALUMINUM FIRMS, PLANNING NOV MEETING TO DECIDE WHETHER GO AHEAD ON MINDANAO ALUMINA-REFINING PROJECT (WSJ, OAKLAND).

7. DIEGO GARCIA

SCHLESINGER TELLS SENATE ARMED SERVICES CMTE PLANS FOR "MODEST" EXPANSION US NAVAL SUPPORT BASE ON DIEGO GARCIA JUSTIFIED BY SOVIET'S ENPLACEMENT OF MISSILES AT PORT OF BERBARIA, SOMALIA (UPI WP, NYDN). SAYS MANY INDIAN OCEAN NATIONS PUBLICLY OPPOSING BASE ARE MAKING CLEAR PRIVATELY THEY WANT US MAINTAIN MIL BALANCE WITH SOVIET IN REGION (NYT). JCS' GEN BROWN, DOS' VEST SUPPORT APPEAL; STENNIS INDICATES APPROVAL, SYMINGTON, CULVER OPPOSITION (CORDDRY, SUN).

8. AUSTRALIA

NEW OPPOSITION LEADER MALCOLM FRASER CRITICIZES LABOR GOVT'S "ACCOMMODATING" ATTITUDE TOWARD COMMUNISTS, 3RD WORLD COUNTRIES; ADVOCATES MORE INDEPENDENT STAND FOR AUSTRALIA ON DEFENSE MATTERS (TOOHEY, CSM).

LIBERAL "NO-FAULT" DIVORCE BILL PASSES BOTH HOUSES PARLIAMENT. IN MOST CASES, NEW BILL NO LONGER REQUIRES COURTS AFKIX BLAME (MILLAR, CSM).

AUSSIE WHEAT BOARD ACHIEVED RECORD EXPORTS WHEAT, FLOUR DURING 6 MONTHS ENDING MAY, WITH MAIN BUYER PRC (JOC).

9. MICRONESIA

JUDITH MILLER (LAT 6/8) REPORTS US ARRANGING BUY 14 MARIANAS IN DEAL HIGH AS 2 BIL DOLS. US INTEREST RELATED TO PENTAGON SEARCH FOR "SECURE" MIL BASES ON US LAND. NAVY, AIR FORCE ALREADY PLAN MULTIMIL DOL BASE AND NUKE WEAPONS WAREHOUSE THERE.

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10. CHINA

CSM CARRIES BURNS REPORT ON PHILS ADJUSTING SWIFTLY TO NEW BALANCE OF POWER IN ASIA AS SEEN FROM AGREEMENT TO RECOGNIZE PRC. MOVE EXPECTED TO BE FOLLOWED SOON BY THAILAND, LEAVING ONLY SINGAPORE

AND INDONESIA WITHOUT FORMAL RELATIONSHIP. DISCUSSES JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND PERSONAL ASSURANCES GIVEN MARCOS BY MAO AND CHOU ABOUT FOREIGN AGGRESSION AND SUBVERSION. MENTIONS INCIDENT OF PRC DIPLOMAT IN CANADA AS PROBABLE FACTOR IN PRC ASSURANCES. NOTES PRC DILEMMA OF TRYING FORESTALL GROWTH USSR STRENGTH IN AREA AND MAINTAIN FAITH WITH INSURGENTS MOVEMENTS AT SAME TIME.

ELEGANT IN LAT (6/7) SAYS MOST SURPRISING AND FAR-REACHING EFFECT OF VN DEBACLE HAS BEEN INCREASING SOLIDARITY BETWEEN PRC AND USG. CITES CLAIMED PRC URGING OF PHILS AND OTHERS TO RETAIN STRONG TIES TO US. VIEWS PEKING'S ACTION AS BASED ON NEED TO BLOCK SOVIET EXPANSION IN AREA. PRC PRESSURING JAPANESE TO MAKE DECISION BETWEEN USSR AND PRC. QUOTES DIPLOMAT SAYING "IF CHINESE GO ANY FURTHER, THEY WILL HAVE TO ASK FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT NATO." NOTES NORTH VIETNAM FIRMLY LINKED TO USSR. IF CHOICE HAS TO BE MADE BY JAPANESE AND OTHER ASIANS IT WILL HAVE TO BE ON SIDE OF US-PRC.

ELEGANT IN LAT (6/7) SAYS ROC URGENTLY RECONSIDERING ITS POLICY ON "WAR CRIMINALS" RELEASED BY PRC FEARING A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SCANDAL. ROC HAD HOPED ISSUE WOULD REMAIN SMALL AND BLOW OVER. IN VIEW OF FORD'S VISIT TO PRC UPCOMING, ROC "DESPERATELY ANXIOUS" NOT TO PERMIT OPENING OF ANY TWO-WAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN TAIPEI AND PEKING THROUGH HONG KONG.

11. KOREA

CROSBY NOYES IN STAR (6/10) IN COMMENTING ON
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GREAT DEBATE ON DEFENSE POLICY IN SENATE NOTES THAT KOREA IS ONLY EXCEPTION TO GENERAL RULE THAT FUTURE IN ASIA AND EUROPE WILL SEE GREATER CONCERN WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS RATHER THAN WITH MILITARY ISSUES. KOREA

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION, WITH POSSIBILITY OF US
TROOP INVOLVEMENT IN ANY FUTURE HOSTILITIES.

12. JAPAN

SULZBERGER (NYT) DESCRIBEU CONTRAST BETWEEN PRES
FORD CALL AT NATO FOR STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS IN WEST, ENCOURAGING DEMOCRACY
EVERYWHERE, AND CONCLUSION PRESENTED TRILATERAL
COMMISSION MEETING KYOTO THAT "DEMOCRACY IS ON THE
DECLINE."

BOWIE (CSM) AGREES JAPAN MAY BE FRAGILE, BUT SEEMS
HAVE WEATHERED TURBULENCE, ABSORBED STRAINS OF LAST
FOUR YEARS REMARKABLY WELL. ON BALANCEGN FINDS
GROWING AWARENESS IN JAPAN OF NEED PLAY MORE ACTIVE
ROLE IN ASIA AND GLOBAL SYSTEM IN CLOSE COOPERATION
WITH WEUR, US IS MAJOR GAIN FOR INTL ORDER.

LAT'S ELEGANT (6/8) STATES TRILATERAL COMMISSION
MEETING IN KYOTO PONDERED "NOTHING LESS THAN THE
SURVIVAL OF MANKIND." INJUSTRIAL NATIONS' ESTABLISHMENT
LEADERS WERE LITERALLY "THINKING THE
UNTHINKABLE," BUT NTOES CONFEREES DID NOT CONFRONT
ONE BASIC ISSUE -- POPULATION CONTROL IN WORLD
INCREASINGLY SHORT OF RAW MATERIALS. KISSINGER

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